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1. The reply filed on November 26, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): there is no mark-up of all the changes made in the claims: for example in claim 1, line 1, "an" was substituted for "the" and in line 4, "a" was substituted for "the" but those changes were not marked-up. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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